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Taking charge right from start

By Jamie Haig
Public Affairs

Only two days after his change of command, the new 16th Operations Group commander had to evacuate all the aircraft for the arrival of Hurricane Dennis.

Col. Mark Alsid succeeded Col. Brian Greenshields July 6 in Freedom Hangar.

During his change of command, Colonel Alsid said, "In the spirit of the brothers and sisters who went ahead of us, we must and will prevail with 110 percent effort, the right equipment and the right mission. We will remain combat ready, and we will take care of each other."

With his words still ringing in the air, the group proved it by safely and expeditiously evacuating to Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark.

Colonel Alsid returns to Hurlburt Field after graduating from the Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. Prior to that, he commanded the 7th Special Operations Squadron at Royal Air Force Mildenhall, U.K. Colonel Greenshields moved on to become the Special Operations Command Chair at the U.S. Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, Calif.

"I had the best squadron commanders in the Air Force and the best darn operations group in the Air Force," said Colonel Greenshields. "No other Air Force organization has been on the road this much since

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Wing changes gear with new leadership

The 16th SOW commander passes guidon in ceremony

By Senior Airman Heidi Davis
Public Affairs

"You better have your track shoes on because the warriors you're about to lead will have you traveling at a quick pace."

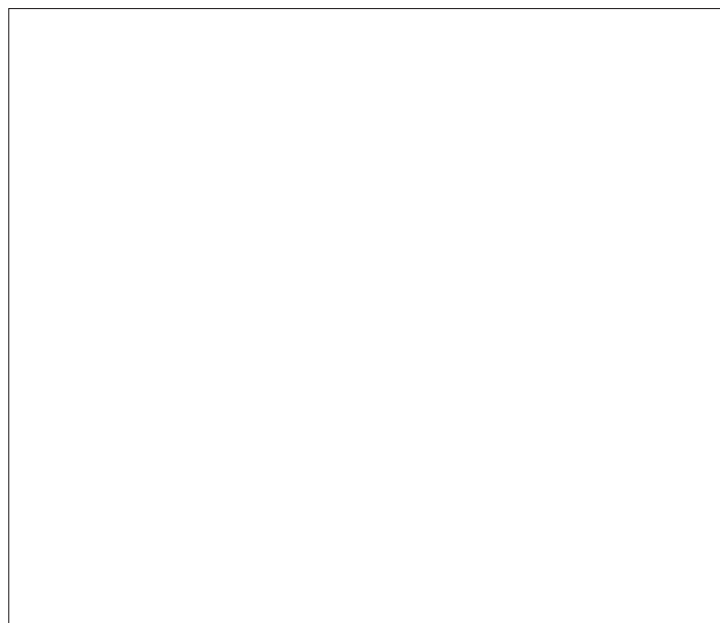
This was the advice Col. Norman Brozenick Jr. received from outgoing commander Col. O.G. Mannon, who relinquished command of the 16th Special Operations Wing from during a change-of-command ceremony at 10 a.m. July 7 at the Freedom Hangar.

"You have some big shoes to fill, but I'm confident you're up to the challenge," said Lt. Gen. Michael Wooley, Air Force Special Operations Command commander and presiding officer for the ceremony.

Although the ceremony was about welcoming in Colonel Brozenick, the overall focus was on the successes of the Hurlburt Field men and women.

"There's no better job in the Air Force than to command these magnificent warriors," General Wooley told

Colonel Brozenick speaks to his troops after receiving the guidon from General Wooley.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Ali Flisek

Gen. Michael Wooley (left), Air Force Special Operations Command, returns a salute from Col. Norman Brozenick Jr. (right), the new 16th Special Operations Wing commander, as Chief Master Sgt. Richard Small (center), 16th SOW command chief, stands at attention in a change-of-command ceremony July 6 in Freedom Hangar.

the new commander. "They're 'quiet professionals' who serve humbly, but their efforts can be heard loud and clear."

After Colonel Brozenick received the 16th SOW guidon from Colonel Mannon, he was given the chance to address his new unit.

"I have the deepest admiration and respect for each one of you," he said. "It's you – Air Commandos – who are the key to our success. We shall fight and win together."

Colonel Brozenick, who has been stationed at Hurlburt Field several times throughout his Air Force career, expressed gratitude and thanks to the troops for the opportunity to return home.

"Lisa and I are both humbled and thrilled to return to Team Hurlburt and the 16th Special Operations Wing, America's finest Air

Commandos...the finest combat wing in the United States Air Force," he said.

Taking the focus off himself, Colonel Brozenick gave kudos to the efforts of Hurlburt Field's Special Operators, who "selflessly put their lives on the line to protect American citizens and our way of life."

"From the youngest Airman to the most senior ranks...those on their first deployment to heroes decorated time and again for valor," Colonel Brozenick said, "know that I hold the deepest admiration and respect for you."

Pressing forward, Colonel Brozenick assured his new unit that he would lead them through the Global War on Terrorism and future endeavors.

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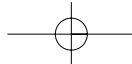
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Saturday – Showers, High 91/Low 75
Sunday – Showers, High 91/Low 75

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Dennis menaces Emerald Coast

Calm reigns among leadership inside Hurlburt Field Wing Operations Center

By Capt Olivia Nelson
Public Affairs

The base surveillance system revealed an uncanny sight: Looking through a hurricane resembles the sensation of looking through jet exhaust or heat coming off the pavement. Large ripples moved from right to left across the screen, distorting the view of ravaged hangar roofs and wind-bent trees. The rain bands rode on devastating gales.

At the worst moments, I noticed the demeanor of the Air Commandos in the wing operations center: concerned, yet calm, thoughtful and patient. People talked about their families and their homes. They talked about their past hurricane experi-

ences. They talked about the mission and how to continue to do their jobs – despite exhaustion. But, there were no hot tempers in the stress, no storm inside the shelter.

When the calls began to come in about damage, everyone took reporting forms and answered phones. No distinction existed between weather, communications or civil engineer troops. A team works here.

Generators kicked on and off as the power wavered again and again. And still the senior leaders and key action officers stayed focused, but light-hearted as well. As I watched the satellite image of Dennis' eye move, quite literally, down my street, I wondered: how on Earth am I having fun right now?

I realized something today – something my mentors have been telling me for years. You don't let your troops see you stressed, even if you are. If a leader begins to show wear and tear, what motivation do the troops have to turn their faces to the wind and charge forward?

I never saw my commander lose his cool, regardless of the fact a hurricane threatened his base on the very day he took command. No blustering tempest inside rivaled the exterior menace.

Still, one person can't do it all. And as I think back, no one in that small, squat building ever showed the slightest weakness. As part of a team, we all have a choice – no, an obligation – to show up ready for action and with the right attitude. The success of the mission, the welfare of the people and the security of a nation depend upon it.

Floridian's first hurricane experience

By Senior Airman
Mareshah Haynes
Public Affairs

I have lived in Florida for more than 15 years and I have never experienced a hurricane until Dennis arrived two weeks ago.

To say the least I was a little on edge. So far, I had been lucky enough to be living out of a hurricane's path. Unfortunately, there was no way for me to get around this one.

I just moved to Hurlburt Field from Germany not even two months ago. I am living here by myself; my parents live eight hours away. I had never evacuated before and had no clue what to do or where to go. Luckily, my co-worker

Jamie invited me to evacuate with her, her daughter, Chloe and their dog, Daisy. The day the evacuation order was issued I had to prepare my house for the

hurricane. I filled the bathtub with water in case the water was out when I returned. I washed all the dishes and did all the laundry, as if dirty clothes would be a concern if my home blew away. I stored enough bottled water and food in the laundry room to feed my entire apartment complex. I packed my car with all of my important papers and a few items of sentimental value; three photo albums and a bone china tea set my mother left to me.

My whole life packed into the trunk of my car. We left for Thomasville, Georgia the night of July 8. Our three car caravan headed east on U.S. Interstate 10.

All of a sudden, Jamie's car was nearly totaled from a blown tire shred from an 18-wheeler. Jamie's windshield was cracked, hood dented and her radio

antenna was ripped off along with her passenger side mirror. Thankfully, no one was hurt.

Finally we arrived in Thomasville. Later that evening, while Chloe and I were out picking up some things from the store, Jamie called on the cell phone and told us to get back to the hotel immediately. It seems that in an effort to avoid the hurricane, we had run straight into a tornado. After the tornado, it rained every day for the majority of the day. We didn't get out much, and we watched a lot of cable TV movies and the news.

Once Dennis had finished pestering the Emerald Coast, we returned back to our homes. On the drive home I saw buildings with their roofs peeled off. I saw trees snapped in half like toothpicks, and power lines tan-

gled like a giant plate of spaghetti.

When we arrived back in town, we found that Jamie's house had sustained damages. Listening to the stories of Jamie's neighbors who rode out the storm, their description was terrifying and humbling. During the storm there was nothing they could do but watch, wait and pray their homes weren't destroyed.

Later, I drove anxiously to my own home, not knowing what to expect. Would I even have a home to return to? Thank God, my home was just as I had left it. The water, air conditioning and even cable TV were running perfectly.

Looking back on my evacuation experience, I would choose to spend a month of Sundays in Thomasville than to live one minute through a force of nature that great.

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DUI Tracker

July 14 – July 21 0 DUI's

This year: 16

DUIs for 2004: 42

Last DUI: 16th Communications Squadron, June 28

Days since last DUI:

16th OG...62

16th MXG...19

16th MSG...15

16th MDG...205

Individual groups get a down day for 60 consecutive days without a DUI. Totals are current as of July 21.

Don't Drink and Drive. Call AADD at 884-8844
Potential saves this year: 349

ECAMP postponed until August

Hurricane Dennis caused the annual Environmental Compliance Assessment and Management Program to be pushed back, Aug. 22-26

Courtesy of the 16th CES Environmental Flight

Hurlburt Field receives an annual Environmental Compliance Assessment and Management Program assessment every year.

This year's ECAMP will be "internal," which means the 16th Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental Flight will conduct the assessment with a team comprised of various volunteers from Hurlburt Field.

Briefly, the purpose of all ECAMPs is to ascertain the "state of the environment" as it relates to our mission. The success of the 2005 Hurlburt Field Internal ECAMP depends on the support of commanders and their Unit Environmental Coordinators, who act as liaisons with the environmental flight. The 2003 External ECAMP was

the most positive report to date for Hurlburt Field and was a direct result of just such cooperation.

UECs are responsible for keeping their commanders up to speed regarding a variety of environmental topics that might impact the squadron. During the 2004 Internal ECAMP, the following issues proved to make up 50 percent of the base's negative findings: hazardous materials management, other environmental issues, solid waste management and water quality. To easily avoid any new or repeat findings, personnel should look at all past findings.

To view past findings, visit https://geobase.hurlburt.af.mil/16sow/ces/ces_home/index.asp and proceed to CEV, Compliance and Inspections - ECAMP.

The inbrief for the 2005

Internal ECAMP will be at 8 a.m. Aug. 22, and the outbrief will be at 3:30 p.m., Aug. 26, both held in Building 90210 in the wing conference room. The purpose of the inbrief is to apprise base leadership of the week's activities; the outbrief will briefly describe findings and suggested remedies.

Within the Department of Defense, the Air Force has set the standard in terms of environmental compliance. The vast majority of the worst discrepancies were corrected long ago, but there's always room to improve our compliance efforts to ensure there's never an impact to the mission due to an environmental issue.

For more information, call Craig Overstreet, base point of contact for internal ECAMPs, at 884-7968 or e-mail william.overstreet@

ECAMP protocols

- Air emissions
- Natural resources
- Cultural resources
- Hazardous materials
 - Hazardous waste
 - POL management
 - Solid waste management
- Toxic substance management (asbestos/lead paint)
- Pesticide management
- Other (installation restore, noise, pollution prevention)
- Wastewater management
- Water quality management
- Storage tank management

Spotlight on...

Tech. Sgt. Mark Ashmon

Organization: 25th Information Operations Squadron
Hometown: Chicago, Ill.
Duty Title: Information Manager

Hobbies: Boxing, traveling and football

Contribution to the mission: Sergeant Ashmon is the assistant NCO, communications and information for the 25th IOS. Oversees and accounts for more than 500 pieces of mission critical automated information systems worth more than \$2 million dollars.

Sergeant Ashmon provides critical command and control, communications-computer, and intelligence systems support to Special Operations warfighters during exercises and real-world contingencies.

He also performs workgroup manager duties for three local area networks to include coordination of network upgrades, system configuration setup, troubleshooting and network system administration functions.

(Editor's Note: The Commando highlights Airmen, junior NCOs, company grade officers, Department of Defense civilians and volunteers in units who do a great job, and should receive day-to-day recognition. Supervisors can call the 16th Special Operations Wing Public Affairs Office at 884-7464 for more information on nominating an individual for the "Spotlight on..." column.)



Photo by Senior Airman Heidi Davis

Hand it over

16th Mission Support Group commander, hands the key of the new Airman's Attic building to the Hurlburt Field Spouses Club president. The building reopened in its new location across from J.R. Rockers and next to Behavioral Health Wednesday.

Look who's new in pink, blue...

Girls

Natalie Ann Whitson was born June 18 to Staff Sgt. Russel and Dawn Whitson, 16th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

Abigail

Kathleen Loncher was born June 23 to Tech. Sgt. Tim and Penny Loncher, 16th Equipment Maintenance Squadron.

Kimber Jade Lee was born June 25 to Staff Sgt. Robert and Jennifer Lee, 16th AMXS.

Boys

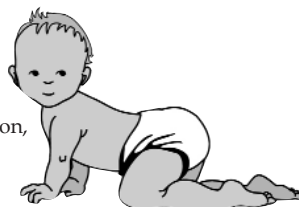
Luke Ronald Fuller was born June 15 to Maj. Brian and Kristin Fuller, Joint Special Operations University.

Benjamin Antonio Diaz was born June 16 to Master Sgt. Jose and Melanie Diaz, 16th Equipment Maintenance Squadron.

Kaleb Lee Baker was born June 18 to 1st Lt. Jacoby and Heather Baker, 16th Special Operations Squadron.

Charles Evan Dewey was born June 21 to Capt. John and Isabel Dewey, 823rd RED HORSE Squadron.

Kenneth MacClary Cook was born June 24 to Tech. Sgt. David and Brantley Cook, 6th Special Operations Squadron.



Discharges, Articles 15 during June

Courtesy of the 16th SOW Legal Office

Two Hurlburt Field Airmen were involuntarily discharged and five Airmen received Articles 15 during June.

Discharges

An airman first class in the 4th Special Operations Squadron was honorably discharged after twice failing the career development course examination.

An airman in the 16th Security Forces Squadron

received a general discharge for misconduct, more specifically, minor disciplinary infractions. The airman had received multiple letters of counseling, letters of reprimand and non-judicial punishment under Article 15 of the Uniformed Code of Military Justice.

Articles 15

The legal office processed six Articles 15, including one captain and five senior airmen.

A captain in the 16th

Helicopter Maintenance Squadron received an Article 15 for cruelty or maltreatment, which resulted in a reprimand, and forfeiture of \$1,500 pay per month for two months.

A senior airman in the 16th HMXS received a Article 15 for failure to go, which resulted in a suspended reduction to the grade of airman first class, suspended forfeiture of \$770 pay, and 30 days extra duty.

Two Articles 15 were served by the 16th Aircraft

Maintenance Squadron. A senior airman received an Article 15 for drunkenness-incapacitation for performance of duties and failure to go, which was later dropped. A second senior airman received an Article 15 for failure to obey a lawful order, and violating other general order, which resulted in extra duty for 14 days and a suspended reduction to airman basic.

The remaining non-judicial punishments were given in the 16th Component

Maintenance Squadron. A senior airman received an Article 15 for being disorderly and discredit to service, which was latter dropped. A second senior airman received an Article 15 for a willful dereliction of duty, which resulted in extra duty for 14 days and a suspended reduction to airman basic.

The Article 15, or non-judicial punishment, is used by commanders to correct minor offenses as a means to maintain good order and discipline.

MEET THE NEW COMMANDER



Organization: 16th Services Squadron
Hometown: New Ulm, Minn.

Off-duty time is for: Recharging your battery; relax, spend time with family and friends

Previous Assignment: 52nd SVS commander, Spangdahlem AB, Germany

Organizational Goals: Provide superior combat support down range. Provide top notch customer service and SVS programs to the members of Team Hurlburt. Compete for the best SVS squadron in the Air Force

Work Philosophy: Work hard, play hard; take care of your people and they will take care of your mission

Base residents urged to complete housing survey

WASHINGTON – An Air Force-wide base resident survey has been launched to determine the level of satisfaction of family housing residents at installations worldwide.

The survey provides base-housing residents and housing managers an opportunity to respond to survey questions regarding housing facilities and services delivered. At installations with privatized housing, property managers will also participate in the survey.

"We encourage all residents to complete their survey as soon as possible," said Maj. Gen. L. Dean Fox, Air Force civil engineer.

"The more participants we have, the more accurate our results will be and the greater emphasis we can place on mak-

ing the recommended changes," he said.

Stateside residents should have received their surveys in June, while overseas residents should receive surveys by late summer or early fall, officials said.

The survey is customized for Air Force residents and will take about five minutes to complete.

"Efforts to assess resident satisfaction have historically been undertaken at the installation level," said Col. Bob Griffin, Air Force Housing Division chief. "Using standardized surveys will allow us to make valid comparisons of the data collected. I encourage every Air Force family residing in government-owned or privatized housing to participate."

Each resident will be provided a pre-

addressed, postage-paid envelope to return the survey.

Survey results are confidential and anonymous. The survey asks residents to respond to questions related to the physical property, services and management's performance. With the cooperation and candid responses by residents, the Air Force can collect important information that will be used to identify areas where improvements are required.

An executive summary of the survey results will be provided to senior leaders at the wing, major command and Air Staff levels and used as a basis for decisions regarding the Air Force's Military Housing Privatization Initiative, military construction needs and the future of family housing. (AFPN)

DCC Travel Voucher Filing Schedule

4th SOS July 29 2-7 p.m.	7 a.m. – 1 p.m. 16th EMS Today	Monday 7-9 a.m.; 5-7 p.m.
6th SOS Tuesday 11 a.m. to noon	16th LRS July 29	16th SOS Tuesday 1-3 p.m.
8th SOS Tuesday Noon to 2 p.m.	7 a.m. – 2 p.m. 16th MSS Monday 3-4 p.m.	19th SOS Thursday 1-3 p.m.
9th SOS Thursday 7-9 a.m.	16th MDG Tuesday 3-7 p.m.	20th SOS Thursday 3-6 p.m.
14th WPS Monday 4-5 p.m.	16th MOS Today 7-10 a.m.	25 IOS Thursday 6-7 p.m.
15th SOS Tuesday 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	16th MXS Wednesday 4-7 p.m.	Det. 1, 334th Today 10-11 a.m.
16th CES Monday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	16th OSS Tuesday 7-11 a.m.	413th FLT Today 10-11 a.m.
16th CMS Thursday	16th SFS	716th MXS Wednesday 4-7 p.m.

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Don't forget to bring the following items: completed travel voucher, copy of any advanced payment paperwork, receipts for hotels and any authorized expense over \$75. You can pick up a travel voucher at the Deployment Control Center.

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World War II. You're not taken for granted. You're the best. For that, I thank you."

While under Colonel Greenshield's command, the group earned the Air Force's first Gallant Unit Citation, as well as seven Air Force-level awards in the past year.

Colonel Alsld said his vision is to support the right agendas, eliminate the wrong ones and to take care of the people. He said if he can accomplish this, "the group wins, and America wins."

Families are a huge area of concern for him and his wife, Tracey. "We understand the stresses several rotations can put on a family," he said.

Aware that there are budget, equipment and personnel issues, he feels it's his job to fight the fight. Then the dedicated folks in the group can focus on what's important – training to fight and winning the fight.

"The men and women of the 16th OG are some of the most professional and patriotic of any military organization I have ever seen," said Colonel Alsld. "Times are tough, and I understand that. I'll try very hard to win their trust. I will focus on helping the families deal with our deployment schedule, but we must all remember the nation's business needs to get done as well."

Colonel Alsld was the director of operations at the Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force, Stabilization Force in Sarajevo, Bosnia as well as the director of the Joint Operations Center in San Vito, Italy.

He supported the air war in Operation Allied Force, and directed and flew combat air operations during operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Colonel Alsld also served as the chief of Long Range Strategy, Headquarters Air

Force Special Operations Command and the director of Joint Chiefs of Staff Exercises and Training for Headquarters Special Operations Command Europe.

He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in business at the Central Washington University in Ellensburg, Wash., and received a Master of Science in management at Troy State University in Troy, Ala.

He also graduated from the Squadron Officer School at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.; the Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and the Armed Forces Staff College, National Defense University, Norfolk, Va.

Colonel Alsld has received the Distinguished Flying Cross with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Valor device, a Bronze Star Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster a Defense Meritorious Service Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster and an Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters.

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16th Special Operations Wing vice commander, leads the formation in a salute to the incoming commander, during the change-of-command ceremony July 7.

"And now, Air Commandos, our watch begins at a pivotal moment in our nation's history," he said. "Our efforts must help further the conditions for success in Iraq and Afghanistan, while simultaneously, reconstituting and preparing for unknown challenges of the future."

A seasoned Special Operator, Colonel Brozenick was most recently the commander of the 353rd Special Operations Group at Kadena Air Base, Japan, supporting Special Operations Forces throughout the Pacific Theater by providing combat-ready special tactics forces, MC-130 Combat Talon II and Combat Shadow aircraft.

After leaving Hurlburt Field, Colonel Mannon transferred to the Pentagon to be the director of Special Operations Joint Chiefs of Staff.

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Airman 1st Class

James Dickens

16th SOW

Weapons Safety

Charles "Rick" Poynor

6th Special Operations

Squadron

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Maj. Thad Kieninger

Maj. Paul Pereira

Capt. Jerry Crigger

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Tech. Sgt. Dan Weimer

Tech. Sgt. Micheal Rush

Staff Sgt. Seth Meashey

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Larry Wilson

16th Civil Engineer

Squadron

Capt. Conor Grace

16th Communications

Squadron

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2nd Lt. Tyler Berens

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16th Component

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Tech. Sgt.

Robert Sausman

16th Contracting Squadron

Master Sgt. Scott Labbe

Tech. Sgt. Jackie Hatten

Tech. Sgt. Jim Summers

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Maintenance Squadron

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Master Sgt.

Michael Phillippe

Master Sgt. Jack Gaskins

Master Sgt.

Ronald Harding

Tech. Sgt. Cedric Herron

Staff Sgt. Matthew Semmler

Staff Sgt.

Melvin Simmons

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Catherine Dwyer,

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Operations Command*

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Staff Sgt. Sophia Wagner

Staff Sgt. Jason Buhl

Senior Airman

Jameson Smith

Senior Airman

Chris Williams

Airman 1st Class

Justin Hairston

Airman 1st Class

Kevin Hong

16th Maintenance

Squadron

Staff Sgt. Kyle Swartz

Senior Airman

Christopher Johnson

16th Medical Group

Staff Sgt. Erick Kennedy

16th Medical

Operations Squadron

Capt. Lawrence Noel

Master Sgt. Ronald Harding

Tech. Sgt. Dan Houston

Staff Sgt. Michael O'Connor

16th Mission Support

Squadron

Staff Sgt. Amy Murphy

Staff Sgt. Lilia Hummel

16th Operations

Support Squadron

Staff Sgt. Micheal Hill

William Andrus

16th Security Forces

Squadron

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Master Sgt. Thomas Rosser

Master Sgt. Richard Winkler

Tech. Sgt.

Edward Hempe

Tech. Sgt.

Christopher Wright

Staff Sgt. Daniel Flint

Staff Sgt.

Elizabeth Wright

Staff Sgt. Bruce McBean

Staff Sgt. Fred Lovito

Staff Sgt. Teisha

Robinson

Staff Sgt. Jason Slevin

16th Special Operations

Squadron

Lt. Col. Ted Fordyce

Lt. Col. Royce Lott

Maj. David Mohon

20th Special Operations

Squadron

Tech. Sgt.

William Clemmons

Tech. Sgt. David Jaehn

Tech. Sgt. Dub Scott

Staff Sgt. Michael Norris

Carmen Tijerina, AFSOC

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Master Sgt. Robert and

Judy Hogan, 16th CS

Commando Village

Staff Sgt. Tony and

Elizabeth Whitley,

16th AMXS

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Mobility bags must be packed, ready to go

By 1st Lt. Heather Alden
100th Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs

ROYAL AIR FORCE MILDENHALL, England –

When most people plan to travel, they take time to make sure they have packed everything they will need for their trip. Sometimes, forgetting a toothbrush can put a damper on a vacation.

However, in the military, troops must be ready to go at a moment's notice. On a deployment to a hazardous duty area, forgetting a toothbrush might only be an inconvenience; forgetting a chemical warfare protective gear could potentially result in serious illness or death.

"With short-notice taskings, Airmen have to take care of many outprocessing and pre-deployment issues," said Maj. Jeffrey Lingens, 100th Air Refueling Wing installation deployment officer here. "They may not have a whole day or even a few hours to get their bags ready.

Today's expeditionary Airmen are expected to

be ready to go at all times."

The 100th Security Forces Squadron's Airmen here witness the importance of troop readiness on a regular basis.

"In the last two deployments, we had to change out troops within 24 to 48 hours of the team leaving," said Staff Sgt. Wesley McMackin, 100th SFS unit deployment manager. "Troops who deploy without packing the required gear not only lack the basic tools to get the mission done but also put themselves in potentially life-threatening situations."

There are five mobility bags, the personal bag and the A, B, C and D bags. To be deployment-ready, Airmen should understand what each of these bags contains and have the proper bags prepared.

All Airmen should have a personal mobility bag packed with the items they would need for 60 days. The personal bag contains the required uniforms, personal health and hygiene items, as well

as many optional items which have proved helpful in deployed locations, such as raincoats, flashlights and skin-care lotions.

The A bag is a general purpose bag which includes a Kevlar helmet, web belt, body armor, sleeping bag, canteen kit, mess kit and other support items. The B bag is a cold-weather bag which includes a parka, gloves, boots and socks. The C bag is a chemical-defense bag which includes chemical warfare protective suit, protective mask, mask filters, gloves, hoods, boots and detection papers. The D bag is an aircrew chemical-defense bag and includes specialized in-flight protective equipment, such as coveralls and mask, mask filters, blower, gloves, hoods, boots, detection papers and kits.

"Know which bags you need, and have your mobility bags packed and ready," Sergeant McMackin said. "We're an expeditionary Air Force." (Source: *Air Force Manual 10-100, "Airman's Manual."*)

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A3.18 Pedestrian's right way in crosswalks. The driver of a vehicle shall slow down or stop, or yield to a pedestrian approaching or within a crosswalk.

No pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a

vehicle, which is so close that it's impossible or unsafe for the driver to yield.

A3.19 Crossing at other than crosswalks. Every pedestrian crossing a roadway at any point other than within a marked crosswalk shall yield the right of way to all vehicles

upon the roadway. No pedestrian shall cross a roadway intersection diagonally unless required to remain within a marked crosswalk.

A3.20 Drivers to exercise due care toward pedestrians. Every driver shall exercise due care to avoid colliding with any pedestrian and shall give warning by sounding the horn when necessary, and they also shall exercise proper precaution upon observing any child upon a roadway.

A3.21 Pedestrians on roadways. Where sidewalks are provided, pedestrians must not walk along or upon an adjacent roadway.

Where sidewalks are not provided, any pedestrian walking along and upon a roadway shall walk only on the left side of the roadway or its shoulder, facing traffic approaching.

Source: Air Force Instruction 31-204 Hurlburt Field Supplement 1



Photo by Staff Sgt. Holly Wangelin

Week in History

The following is a list of extraordinary events that occurred this week in military history:

July 17, 1962 – Maj. Robert White, piloting an X-15, became the first pilot to earn astronaut wings for flight in winged aircraft.

July 18, 1914 – The Aviation Section of the Signal Corps was created by Congress.

July 19, 1957 – The first air-to-air nuclear rocket was fired by the U. S. Air Force.

July 20, 1969 – Apollo 11 Lunar Excursion Module landed on the moon.

July 21, 1961 – Maj. Virgil "Gus" Grissom made the second sub-orbital Mercury flight.

July 23, 1917 – President Lyndon Johnson revealed the existence of the Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird.

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A staff sergeant (left) and Doran search the under carriage of a vehicle for explosives.

Military working dogs: More than man's best friend

By Master Sgt. Lek Mateo
56th Brigade Combat Team
Public Affairs Office

TALLIL AIR BASE, Iraq —

Dogs are known as man's best friend, but to the Airmen of the 407th Air Expeditionary Wing and the Soldiers of the 56th Brigade Combat Team, 36th Infantry Division, 56th Brigade Combat Team, the military working dogs of the U.S. Air Force are considered a four-legged partner in the war against terrorism.

The U.S. Air Force and Soldiers Security Forces along with their military working dogs have partnered together to help with force protection on the sprawling air base that is home to thousands of coalition military personnel and civilian workers.

Tech. Sgt. Terri Frye, of Verona, Va., belongs to the 16th Security Forces Squadron, but is currently assigned to the 407th AEG in Iraq and serves as the kennel master at the base.

She's responsible for tak-

ing care of the dogs.

Sergeant Frye said that, in the eyes of the Air Force, the dogs are considered valuable property, like an F-16 fighter aircraft. But to her and many of the handlers she works with, their dogs are much more than that. She added that, although the handlers all understand that the dogs are Air Force property, they can't help but become attached to their dogs after years of working with them side by side.

"Your dog is your best friend," Sergeant Frye said. "And you will always remember the dogs that you have worked with."

A staff sergeant and military working dog handler of the 366th Security Forces Squadron based at Mountain Home AFB, Idaho, is also assigned the 407th AEG. He said that he has always been around dogs, having grown up on a cattle farm.

The handler affectionately stroked the head of Doran, his 4-year-old German Shepherd, an explosive patrol dog. It was during only a short break from a



A 407th Air Expeditionary Group military working dog handler at Tallil Air Base, Iraq, plays with Doran, a four-year-old German shepherd explosive patrol dog during a break in a joint Air Force and Army security sweep at a civilian commercial trucking staging area in southern Iraq. A staff sergeant (right) gives Doran a hug after a force protection security mission in southern Iraq.



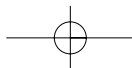
joint patrol to sweep a civilian convoy staging area for hidden explosives and contraband at a camp located near the base.

The pair soon resumed their search of the endless rows of 18-wheel semi-trailer trucks waiting to head to their final destination. Although the search netted some contraband, the ser-

geant said that their mere presence also provided a deterrent to bad guys, especially when they see Doran's sharp fangs. The sergeant compared the dog's teeth to 42 bullets that can exert 350 to 400 pounds of pressure per square inch in a bite, enough to break a man's arm. Nevertheless, the close bond between the canine and

this human was evident as the handler playfully hugged his dog as a reward for his hard work.

"Doran is my partner," the sergeant said. "He looks out for me, and I look out for him, and he is a partner that I would trust my life to."



Hurlburt Happenings

July 22, 2005

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Military

ISO course

The Joint Special Operations University invites all personnel new to, returning to or professionally affiliated with the U.S. Special Operations Command to attend the Introduction to Special Operations Course Aug. 2-5.

ISOC provides military and civilian members with a joint understanding of Special Operations Forces, to include structure, assets and capabilities. For more information and seat availability, call Joyce Weber at 884-4731 or visit www.hurlburt.af.mil/milonly/usafsos.

Cultural studies course

The U.S. Air Force Special Operations School will conduct a Sub-Saharan Africa Orientation Course Aug. 8-12. This course is designed for personnel preparing to live in or deploy to the Sub-Saharan African region. Personnel who work with individuals from this region, those with a professional or analytical interest in the Sub-Saharan African area.

Also, the USAFSOS will conduct a Cross Cultural Communications Course Aug. 15-19. This course is designed for people preparing to live or deploy overseas, who work with international military members and people with a professional or analytical interest in international studies.

For more information on either of the courses, call Capt. Apryl Cymbal at 884-4472 or Joyce Weber at 884-4731 or visit www.hurlburt.af.mil/milonly/tenantunit/jsou.

AF officer training corps

The next boards for the Airman Scholarship and Commissioning Program, Scholarship for Outstanding Airman to ROTC, and Professional Officer Course are scheduled for Oct. 15.

For more information and applications visit www.afots.af.mil/AFROTC/EnlistedCommissioning/Default.htm or call the education office at 884-6724 for more information.

Community

Clinic closures

The 16th Medical Group will close July 29 for and will reopen Aug. 1. The 96th Medical Group emergency room at Eglin Air Force Base will treat emergencies. Also, The Medical Group will close at 11:30 a.m., every third Wednesday of the month for training.

Shoppette gas procedures

All personnel purchasing gas at the Shoppette must enter through the Terry Avenue entrance. Personnel may do so by taking Terry Avenue south toward Independence Road, then taking a left at the Shoppette entrance. Parking for the main Shoppette will still be accessible from Independence Road.

Shower closures

Men's shower facilities will be closed at the pool from Sunday to Tuesday, while the 16th Civil

Engineer Squadron does retiling. The facilities will reopen Wednesday.

Lecture series

All base personnel are invited to attend the fifth installment of the "Through the Eyes of a Commando" living history lecture series at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the Joint Special Operations University auditorium. The featured speakers for the evening's lecture, "SOF Helos and the Son Tay Raid," will be retired Lt. Gen. LeRoy Manor and retired Maj. John Grove. Tickets are available through unit first sergeants. For more information, call the 16th Special Operations Wing History Office at 884-6507.

Free storage

The U-Haul Moving Center is offering one month free storage for individuals who suffered home damage because of Hurricane Dennis. For more information, call Jason at 863-2133.

Road construction

Road construction on Independence Road, from Tully Street to Lielmanis Avenue, will continue through Aug. 5 between 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. Expect one lane of traffic to be closed. The contractor will have traffic controls in place at these locations as work progresses.

Construction on Tully Street, from AMMO Gate to Simpson Avenue, began Monday. Work hours will be from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. One lane of traffic will be closed during periods of construction.

The contractor will have traffic controls in place during work hours. Work includes milling asphalt, replacing asphalt and adding curbs. Emergency vehicles will have precedence when necessary. Your cooperation and patience are appreciated during these construction periods. For more information, call 884-7524.

Used book sale

The Eglin Officers' Spouses Club will sponsor a used book sale from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday at the Eglin Air Force Base Library. Proceeds from the sale benefit the library and EOSC charitable donations. For more information, call Jan Exterkamp at 897-5083.

AADD meeting

Hurlburt Field's Airmen Against Drunk Driving holds monthly meetings at 11 a.m. on the last Friday of each month at the military equal opportunity conference room. Squadron representatives are invited as well as anyone who has an interest in saving lives and keeping our comrades and community safe.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Mayra Casanova at 884-4438.

SOF ride

The Sentinels of Freedom will meet for a lunch ride at noon today. Monthly meetings are 3 p.m. the first Tuesday in the enlisted hooch. SOF is always looking for new members who would like to go on various motorcycle rides. For more information, call Jorg Junghann at 884-3131.

Trespassing notice

The 16th Security Forces Squadron reminds people not to trespass onto the firing ranges and impact areas located off RED HORSE Road.

Trespassing could be dangerous. People must have clearance to enter the impact area. For more information, call 884-7520/7205.

FSC volunteer opportunities

The family support center has many volunteer opportunities available through its volunteer resource program office. Some opportunities include the Loan Closet, Airman's Attic and Meals on Wheels. For more information, call 884-1533.

Chapel help

The Hurlburt Field Chapel is looking for volunteers to help answer phones for three hours per week on days when the receptionist is on leave. For more information, call Senior Airman John McIntosh or Andy Ramos at 884-7795. The chapel is looking for points of contact for Islamic, Jewish, Buddhist, Orthodox and Latter Day Saints faiths. Those interested in helping ensure these faiths are represented at Hurlburt Field should call Master Sgt. Salvador Manalang at 884-7795.

Classes

ERAU registration

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University will register students for the Fall 2005 Term from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and from 8 a.m. to noon on Fridays through Aug. 5 in Building 90220. Add/drop dates are Aug. 8-12. The fall term runs from Aug. 8 to Oct. 8. To view an online schedule, visit www.erau.edu/fortwalton-beach. For more information, call 581-2106.

CCAF graduation

The deadline to apply for the fall Community College of the Air Force graduation is Aug. 26. To graduate this fall, Airman must request their transcripts and have the college send them to:

CCAF/DFRS

130 West Maxwell Blvd.

Maxwell AFB, AL 36112-6613

To ensure requirements are met for graduation, people should stop by the Hurlburt Field Education Services Office, from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, or call 884-6724.

UA classes

The University of Arkansas located at Hurlburt Field offers a Master of Science degree with a major in Operations Management. With only 10 courses required (30 semester hours), it's possible to complete degree requirements in one year. Term One registration begins Aug. 1, and classes begin Aug. 17. Begin classes in January, March, May, August or October. For more information, call Sherry DelCastillo at 884-3844 or e-mail uafgrad3@uofa.gccoxmail.com.

HAWC classes

The following classes are available at the health and wellness center:

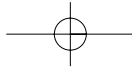
Running Shoe Clinic - 1 p.m., Monday

Healthy Living Workshop - 8:30 a.m., Tuesday

Fitness Improvement Program - 10:30 a.m.,

Tuesday

Body Composition Improvement Program - 1 p.m., Tuesday





Catholic Mass

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, 7:15 and 10 a.m.

Confessions: Saturday, 4:30 to 5 p.m., or by request

Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday
Religious Education: September – May
Protestant Services
Sunday, 8:30 a.m. (Traditional worship)
11:30 a.m. (Contemporary worship)
Religious Education: August – May
Youth and Singles groups available
Jewish Services (882-2111)
Sabbath services: Friday, 7:30 p.m., Eglin Chapel Center
Muslim Services (882-2111), Eglin Chapel Center
Jumua: Friday, 12:45 p.m.
For more information, call 884-7795.

At the movies

Prices are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children.
Movies start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

Hurlburt Field
Friday

Closed

4 p.m., Saturday

Madagascar (PG)

7 p.m., Saturday

Cinderella Man (PG-13)

Sunday

Sisterhood of the

Traveling Pants (PG)
Eglin Air Force Base

Friday

Mr. and Mrs. Smith (PG-13)
Saturday

The Adventures of Shark Boy and Lava Girl (PG)

Sunday

The Honeymooners (PG-13)

For movie information, call Hurlburt Field Theater at 884-7648 or Eglin Air Force Base Theater at 882-1066, or visit www.aafes.com/ems/conus/hurlburt.htm.

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An Airman, 16th Logistics Readiness Squadron, (left) takes off during the Air North International Air Force track and field meet. Five countries participated in the event.

Airman helps win track, field meet

The Air Force women's team won the International Air Force track and field meet, Air North, for the fifth consecutive year; a Hurlburt Field sprinter has been on the team for three of the five years, without a loss to date

**By Airman 1st Class
James Dickens
Public Affairs**

The United States Womens' Track and Field Team won the International Air North Track and Field meet June 8 in Germany for the fifth year.

Germany, Netherlands, Belgium, British and the U.S. teams all participated in the event.

Akinremi Omolade, 16th Logistics Readiness Squadron, won both of the events she participated in to help the team into first place.

She ran the 100 meters in 12 minutes and 37 seconds and was the second leg in the 4x100 meter relay.

Omolade has participated in the event for three years

and has yet to lose an event. "It gives me a chance to go on a TDY and represent the Air Force," said Omolade.

She made it very clear that this wouldn't have been possible without the great training and support from her trainer, Martin Roderick, 16th LRS.

"He has been my coach since 2002," she said. "He's really generous and very experienced. He's been a coach for over 20 years; he just loves the sport."

Omolade trains three days a week for two hours at a time.

She also volunteers at the Fort Walton Beach High School as the assistant coach for Roderick.

The U.S. mens' team finished a close second in the track and field meet.

"I wouldn't have been able to accomplish all of this without a great trainer like Martin Roderick."



The United States track and field team stands in a formation during the track and field meet.

Standings

Intramural Volleyball

Team	W	L	Pct.
American League			
HMXS	10	0	1.000
MDG	6	2	.750
LRS	4	3	.571
25 IOS	4	5	.444
RHS	4	5	.444
MSS	2	8	.200
AFSOC	1	8	.111
National League			
CMS	8	0	1.000
SVS	5	2	.714
SFS	6	3	.667
CES	4	4	.500
OSS	4	4	.500
CPTS	1	8	.111
39 IOS	0	7	.100

In the bleachers

Roller hockey

Teams are playing roller hockey every Thursday and Sunday at 6 p.m. at the main rink next to tennis courts. They are looking for more participation to get an intramural league started. For more information, call John Hauser at 884-0440.

Tennis club

The Hurlburt Field Tennis Club meets 5 to 7 p.m. every Wednesday at the tennis courts beside the U.S. Air Force Special Operations School. The tennis club is an informal group of people interested in playing tennis and requires one can of new tennis balls to join. The play will consist of eight game pro sets with no add scoring. All players will move up or down and switch partners. The club is open to all Hurlburt Field personnel. For more information, e-mail Vicki Helton at vicki.helton@hurlburt.af.mil.

Coaches needed

Youth sports is seeking volunteers interested in coaching youth soccer and flag football. Openings are available for all age groups (5-13 for soccer, 6-14 for flag football). Stop by the youth center for a packet or for more information, call 884-6355.

Upcoming sports

Intramural horseshoes is now forming squadron teams to begin the season in September. Contact your squadron sports representative to sign up. Intramural flag football will be forming teams soon with a late September tentative start date.

For more information about sporting activities, call Jim Harriot at 884-6949.

Cheerleading registration

Cheerleading registration runs through Aug. 1 (ages 6 and up) to support the flag football and basketball teams. Cost is \$20 per person. Participants will receive a T-shirt, certificate and memento (uniform not included). A parents' meeting is scheduled at 6 p.m. Aug. 17, at the base theater. For more information, call 884-6355.

Youth sports registration

Soccer and flag football registration will be held through Aug. 1. Practice begins Aug. 22. Games will be played Sept. 17 through Nov. 29. Cost is \$45 per player or \$90 for two or more players in the same family. Soccer players must be ages 5-14 as of Aug. 31. Soccer evaluations will be conducted Aug. 9 at the large soccer field by age groups: ages 8-9 at 5:30 p.m.; ages 10-11 at 6 p.m.; ages 12-14 at 6:30 p.m.

Flag football players must be ages 7-15 as of Aug. 31. Games will be played at the Fort Walton Beach YMCA. Flag football evaluations will be conducted Aug. 15 on Field 4 at the Community Park by age groups: ages 7-8 at 5:30 p.m.; ages 9-10 at 6 p.m.; ages 11-15 at 6:15 p.m. All youth participating in the youth sports program must have an annual physical examination, and provide a copy of their birth certificate or military identification card. For more information, call 884-6355.

Rugby season

The Okaloosa Rugby Football Club is looking for new players at all levels of experience for the spring and summer seasons. For more information, call J.C. at 882-1858 or e-mail john.collette@eglin.af.mil.

Basketball coach needed

The Aderholt Fitness Center is now accepting résumés for men's varsity basketball coach. Résumés should include all previous coaching experience and results and will be accepted through today.

Continuing season

Intramural volleyball season continues with games Mondays through Thursdays. Come to the Aderholt Fitness Center and support your team. Call 884-6884 for your team's next match.

Fitness classes

The Riptide and Aderholt Fitness Centers host many classes to fit your fitness goals; they include: Body Sculpt, Yoga, Step, Spinning (cycle), Cardio Sculpt, and Pilates. Call the Riptide Fitness Center at 881-5121 or the Aderholt Fitness Center at 884-6884 for the time, day and location of your class.